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REIGN OF BLOOD IN FLORIDA.

A Terrible Series of Crimes Following One After the Other.

Three Men Killed in a Close-Range Duel—Slashed by a Mercenary—Flogged and Shot by Regulators.

Four men are corpses, two are dying and one is severely wounded as the result of tragedies in the western section of Florida. Three of the victims were killed in a duel about a woman, and one was slashed in the heart by a boy whose father had been attacked, and the two who are dying were flogged and shot by regulators.

The duel over the woman was fought in Calhoun county, near Blountstown. In that town is the home of Mrs. Johnson, a young widow. Thomas House and Henry Smith have been rivals for the favors of the lady. Several weeks ago the men fought about the woman and Smith was badly beaten. Smith vowed to get even, and Friday he went to Mrs. Johnson's home, accompanied by his brother, Thomas, and a friend, George Harrison. The three men found House and the widow together. House was ordered to leave. He rose as if to go, but quickly drew two pistols and opened fire. The Smiths and Harrison were not slow in getting out their guns. Then a fearful duel followed in the little room. House shot fast and straight, and in a few moments the Smith brothers were dead. House fired his last cartridge at Harrison, the bullet breaking his arm. Then House drew a knife and tried to close with his foe, but his foot slipped in the blood and before he could recover Harrison shot him dead.

Examination of the corpses showed that nearly every bullet had gone through, each man being hit several times. There was a price on House's head, he having previously killed two men, one in south Florida and one in Alabama.

The second tragedy occurred in Madison county Friday night. A band of whitecappers took Harry Wilson to the woods and bound him with rawhides to a tree. Wilson was then shot and the body left bound to the tree. The victim was found Saturday morning, still alive, but mortally wounded. After leaving the whitecappers went to the home of Lucy Murray, took her 15-year-old son to the woods and flogged him so that death will result.

The third tragedy occurred at Greenwood, in Jackson county. Thomas James made a brutal assault on Samuel Winn, an aged man. Winn was knocked down, James was preparing to shoot him, but before he could pull the trigger, he was stabbed to the heart by Frank Winn, the 15-year-old of the old man, who slipped up from the year.

The Harbor Fuss.

The Senate Still Debating on the Santa Monica Item.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The California deep water harbor project was before the senate most of yesterday. It is seldom that a local improvement arouses so much feeling among senators, manifesting itself in a debate of unusual animation and of considerable personal feeling.

Mr. Berry, of Arkansas, began the debate declaring that the proposed expenditure of \$3,000,000 for a deep water harbor at Santa Monica bay, Cal., was against the public interest and in the private interest of C. P. Huntington, of the Southern Pacific.

Senators Vest and Caffery took the ground that no appropriation should be made at present. Mr. Fry, chairman of the commerce committee, replied to the strictures upon the proposition and vehemently characterized the criticism of Mr. Huntington as "savoring of the slogan of the sand lots."

The session of the house yesterday was almost entirely devoted to the consideration of District of Columbia business. Bills were passed to authorize the secretary of the treasury to detail revenue cutters to enforce regulations at regattas; to grant the Denver, Cripple Creek & Southwestern railroad a right of way through the South Platte and Plum creek forest reservation; to grant the Flagstaff & Canyon railroad a right of way through the Grand canyon, and to extend the charter of the Denison & Northern railroad. A preliminary conference report on the Indian appropriation bill was agreed to, and the title of Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, to his seat was confirmed.

The Pennsylvania railroad has taken the novel step of offering the prize of an annual pass to the farmer along the line who will do the most in a given time to beautify his grounds adjoining the railroad. This is a prize to an excellent purpose.

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PLATT SIZES UP MCKINLEY.

The New York Times Finds the Ohioan Lacking in Presidential Qualities.

New York, May 12.—In a formal statement yesterday, ex-Senator Platt said that his opposition to McKinley was based on his belief that he would get the republican party into turmoil and trouble. He sized up the Ohioan as follows: "McKinley is not a well balanced man of affairs as Gov. Morton is. He is not a great man, as Mr. Reed is. He is not a trained and educated public man, as Senator Allison is. He is not an astute political leader, as Senator Quay is. He is simply a clever gentleman, much too amiable and much too impressionable to be safely intrusted with a great executive office, whose quest for honor happens to have the accidental advantage of the association of his name with the last republican protective tariff. Mr. McKinley had really less to do with industrial law than had either Gov. Dingley or Senator Aldrich, but simply because of his position as chairman of the ways and means committee of the Fifty-first congress, it has borne his name and there seem to be a good many people who labor under the impression that he wrote it line for line and that the theory that it embodies originated in his colossal intellect. I would not deny him one jot or tittle of the credit that really belongs to him, but it is most unkind to defraud others of the credit that belongs to them."

"The American people have shown that they don't want a radical tariff in any direction. What they do want is a protective tariff, so devised as to make up by taxes on foreign articles that compete with our own for the difference between the price of labor here and abroad. Mr. McKinley represents the most radical and extreme view of protection. We must not only draw a bill that can be put through a republican congress, but we must draw one that will not be open to serious criticism as 'class legislation.' I foresee the greatest dangers to the republican party as the result of extreme tariff legislation. In the first place, long before the bill has become a law, the country will be flooded with foreign goods, which must be sold and consumed before domestic producers will feel the effects of the new law. Business will not revive on the instant that a republican president is elected, and during all the period when the new bill is under discussion and until the immense flood of foreign